

Background

In light of recent news coverage regarding state contracting and procurement practices for non-competitively bid acquisitions, Executive Order D-55-02, issued by the Governor of the State of California, acknowledges it is essential that state contracting and procurement procedures be of the highest integrity. The Executive Order calls for a comprehensive review of the state's procurement processes to ensure that competitive bidding is used to the greatest extent possible in awarding state contracts. During the review period, interim guidelines are in effect for the acquisition of goods and services obtained through the use of non-competitively bid procurements.

Summary

While a review is undertaken under Executive Order D-55-02 to identify necessary safeguards and areas of improvement for non-competitively bid procurements, interim guidelines have been established that add new constraints to state contracting and procurement procedures. As a result of the new interim guidelines, the Commission anticipates minimal impact on its current contracting and procurement processes. The Commission will continue to ensure that contracting and procurement practices are conducted with the highest integrity.

Staff is available to answer any questions the Commissioners may have.